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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, IN MAY 1976 (SEE REFTEL A) THE EMBASSY WAS INVITED BY AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH AND NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONS HERE TO JOIN WITH THEM IN QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF POLITICAL FIRST OR SECOND SECRETARIES TO REVIEW MALAYSIA'S INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION AND TO COMMENT ON DRAFT QUARTERLY SECURITY REPORTS PREPARED BY ONE OF THEIR NUMBER ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS. (A SIMILAR INVITATION WAS EXTENED IN SINGAPORE - REFTEL B.) SINCE THEN THE EMBASSY HAS SENT A REPRESENTATIVE, USUALLY A FIRST SECRETARY/POLITICAL OFFICER, TO THESE MEETINGS. THE RESULTANT "TRI-NATIONAL SECURITY ASSESSMENTS" (SIC) REFLECTING OUR INPUTS HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED POSTS UNDER COVERING AIRGRAMS IN WHICH WE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ANALYSIS, COMMENTS OR CAVEATS. THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THESE MEETINGS WE HAVE BEEN PUT ON ROUTING FOR MONTHLY SECURITY REVIEWS PREPARED BY THE UK HIGH COMMISSION DEFENSE ADVISOR'S OFFICE THAT WE ALSO TRANSMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER POSTS.

2. WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT A DRAFT LETTER TO

THE AMBASSADOR (TO BE SIGNED BY ONE OF THE THREE HIGH COMMISSIONERS) HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AND APPROVED AND WILL INVITE US TO PARTICIPATE ON A "FULL MEMBERSHIP" BASIS IN THESE INFORMAL QUARTERLY GATHERINGS; I.E., THE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING THE BASIC REPORT ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS ALONG WITH THE OTHERS. WE WOULD, WE UNDERSTAND, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEXT REPORT TO COVER THE JULY 1 - SEPT 30 TIME FRAME. STATISTICAL ANNEXES FOR ALL REPORTS, INCLUDING THE ONE FOR WHICH WE PREPARE THE INITIAL DRAFT, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSION FROM ONE OF THEIR LIAISON SOURCE (ANZMIS).

3. ASSUMING THE DEPT HAS NO REPEAT NO OBJECTIONS, WE PLAN TO INDICATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAFTING OF REPORTS ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS WHEN WE RECEIVE THE LETTER. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN, HOWEVER, TO TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN THE GROUP. MILLER

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